Market price of drugs

1615. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether bis Ministry is aware that the market price of Ethambutol, Gentamycin, Metranidazole, Ampicillin and number of other drugs are much lower than the notified prices;

(b) what is the discount being offered by HAL on sales of Gentamycin; and

(c) what steps have been taken,to. fix the formulation prices based on purchase price of bulk drug?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (c) Information, to the extent' available, would be. collected and-laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Production of Tinidazole and Metronidazole

1816. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that total turnover per annum of Tinidazole is more than Rupees Seven Crores;

(b.) whether it is also a fact that both Metronidazole and Tinidazole' are being produced *M* the country;

(c) if so, names of the producers, and what are the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Metronidazole has been price controlled Whereas Tinidazole is so far exempted; and

(e) if so, what corrective steps have been taken by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER "OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Sales turnover of drugs is not monitored by this Ministry. .

(b)' Yes, Sir.

(c) Details to the extent available are given in the enclosed statement (See below)

(d) and (e) Metronidazole has been treated as a Scheduled . Bulk Drug under DPCO, 1987, pursuant to the recommendations contained in the main Report of the Kelkar Committee. Neither* in the main Report nor in its Supplementary report, has the-Kelkar Committee made similar • recommendation regarding Tinidazole.

Statement •

Name of drug/Company	A/C Unit	Production .		
		1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2 -	3	4	5
Metronidazle				
IDPL		0.4		
May & Baker		11.92	'5.84	14.45
Unichem . .	. -	82.54	89.91	123.28
Unique Chem		126.38	137.17	204.55